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from tuberculosis, 2 from remittent fever, 8 from diarrhea, and the rest from common diseases of noncontagious character.

There are some new cases of smallpox and I am afraid the epidemic will visit us again, as no precautions are taken now against this terrible malady. Vaccination has been done away with completely.

Yellow fever still prevails among the military element of our population, and as new men constantly arrive, there is always ready material for the insatiable disease.

Dysentery is very common amongst the poorer classes, while diarrhea has taken hold of the infantile population. Malarial fevers of bad character abound, the remittent fever being the most prevalent.

Respectfully, yours,

H. S. CAMINERO, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

HABANA, CUBA, *January 23, 1897.*

SIR: By the following mortuary report, which I have the honor of forwarding you on this date, it will be seen that smallpox and yellow fever have diminished somewhat, though they are still active epidemics. As a considerable portion of the Spanish army is moving east from here, there will naturally be fewer cases of yellow fever in the military hospitals in and around this city. If vaccination is actually being practiced to the extent reported, we shall soon have a marked diminution of smallpox.

Mortuary report.—During the week ended January 21 there were 318 deaths in all in this city, 29 of which were caused by yellow fever, with 80 new cases approximately; 110 were caused by smallpox, with approximately 1,010 new cases; 16 were caused by enteric fever, 8 by so-called pernicious fever, 7 by paludal fever, 14 by dysentery, 19 by enteritis, 2 by diphtheria, 1 by the grippe, 7 by pneumonia, and 39 by tuberculosis.

All of the 29 deaths from yellow fever during the week were among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, and 1 of the deaths from smallpox. The remaining 109 deaths from smallpox occurred among civilians, and in every part of the city.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. BURGESS,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Relative to precautions against introduction of infectious disease from Habana.

HABANA, CUBA, *January 18, 1897.*

SIR: In answer to your communication of the 8th instant, requesting a statement as to whether the same steps to protect the country from the introduction of yellow fever and smallpox, taken during the past quarantine season, are still in force, I would reply that they are, in reference to smallpox, and possibly with even more rigor; with reference to yellow fever, the inspection of passengers and baggage, and labeling the latter, is performed for Florida ports, and the same steps are still taken in regard to New York, as requested by the health officer.

Very respectfully,

D. M. BURGESS,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.